

# Wind farm generates electricity illegally after power cuts

Are wind farm operators getting paid to stop producing power?

And they found a big problem lurking in the UK's renewable energy market: some wind farm operators were routinely overestimating their production forecasts, and traders and market experts say that, in effect, they're getting paid to stop producing power that they wouldn't have produced anyway.

What happens if wind farms turn off?

And if it ever looks like their turbines are going to produce more power than the transmission lines can handle, grid operators will tell the wind farms to turn off. And they'll pay the wind farms for the energy they're no longer able to sell.

Why do wind farms pay to power off?

But wind can be unpredictable and the grid can't always handle the power wind turbines generate on blustery days -- and so to protect the grid, operators sometimes pay wind farms to power off. This advertisement has not loaded yet, but your article continues below.

Are British wind farms overestimated?

Dozens of British wind farms run by some of Europe's largest energy companies have routinely overestimated how much power they'll produce, adding millions of pounds a year to consumers' electricity bills, according to market records and interviews with power traders.

Why is Oklahoma removing a wind farm from tribal land?

A judge in Oklahoma has ordered the removal of a massive wind farm from tribal land because its owners failed to get proper permits more than a decade ago. JUANA SUMMERS, HOST: A federal judge is ordering three companies to remove more than 80 wind turbines from an Oklahoma prairie.

Are wind farms overestimating energy production?

Gavin Finch: What became glaringly obvious once you analyzed that data was that about a third of the wind farms in our analysis were routinely overstating how much energy they said they were going to produce by at least 10% -- with a bunch you're overestimating by at least 20%.

How big are wind turbines and how much electricity can they generate? Typical utility-scale land-based wind turbines are about 250 feet tall and have an average capacity of 2.55 megawatts, each producing enough electricity for hundreds of ...

The turbine starts to create power at what is known as the cut-in speed. Power output continues to grow as the wind speed increases, but at a slower rate than it does right after the cut-in point. ... A gear system increases ...

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